

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-35, 41, and 53-69 are pending in the application upon entry of the amendments and new claims. Claims 64-66 have been amended to better describe certain aspects of the invention. Claims 67-69 have been added to further describe aspects of the invention. Claims 37, 38, 40, and 58 have been cancelled without prejudice in this Reply. Favorable reconsideration in light of the amendments, new claims, and the remarks which follow is respectfully requested.

The Amendments and Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner's indication that claims 1, 3-35, 41, 53-57, 59-66 contain allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

Claims 64-66 have been amended to better correspond with the specification, for example, page 8, third paragraph.

New claims 67-69 are fully supported by the specification, for example, page 3, line 4.

The Novelty Rejection

Claims 37, 38, 40, and 58 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Kimura et al (U.S. Patent 6,760,510). The cancellation of claims 37, 38, 40, and 58 renders the rejection moot. Applicants reserve their right to file a Rule 131 Declaration to address Kimura et al in the future.

Petition for Extension of Time

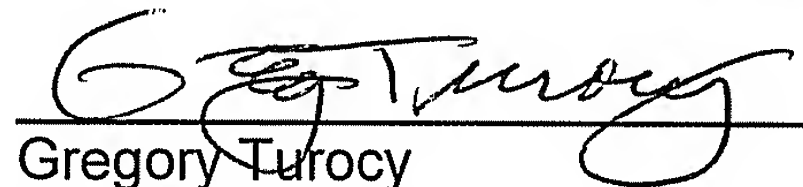
A request for a one month extension of time is hereby made. Payment is being made through the EFS electronic filing system.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event any fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees for a small entity to our Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Respectfully submitted,

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